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—From Black and White.

## As to Treaty Making Power

Debate in Ottawa House Large-  
ly Taken Up With This Dis-  
cussion.

Premier Laurier Insists That Do-  
mion Should Have In-  
creased Powers.

Sabbath Observance Petitions  
Are Now Pouring Into the  
Legislators.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 14.—Canada's treaty-making powers was the principal topic of discussion in the debate on the address today. Mr. Borden defining in unmistakable terms the policy of the opposition. He delivered a clear, concise criticism of the government's policy, and scored them for a wobbling railway policy and for shying "Mr. Blair" on the railway commission. Premier Laurier defended Mr. Blair's appointment, and said he was the best man in the position he occupied.

He insisted that Canada should have the right to make her own commercial treaties and declined to go to the States for a tariff. The debate will last some days.

Mr. Riley secured from the customs a refund of the duties paid by the Victoria pilots on their steam launch.

Hon. Mr. Templeman arrived yesterday, and Mr. Gallagher today.

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George D. Grant moved the adoption of the address in reply to the speech from the throne in the House today. He said that a second transcontinental railway, back from the frontier, would be immensely beneficial in the case of Britain becoming involved in a war in the East. No better method of arbitration could be made than to the Empire than a second road across the continent. He spoke of the progress and development of the country, and said that the tariff was, on the whole, very satisfactory. Mr. Rivers seconded the address.

W. S. Hamilton, restaurant keeper, charged with the murder of John Fitzgerald, appeared in the Police court today and was remanded. The inquest was adjourned until Wednesday. Hamilton is accused of kicking Fitzgerald to death because he refused to pay for a meal.

An order-in-council has been passed placing petroleum oil on the free list when imported by mining companies for use in the concentration of ores of metal. This is a concession to the Kootenay mining industry.

ADVOCATES MODERATION.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 14.—A circular letter has been sent out by Secretary Duffy, of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, requesting that all local unions and district councils be as moderate as possible in their trade movements this spring. It is urged that unless the locals see their way clear for a complete victory, that they should not make any demand at all, but should husband their resources until a more favorable time.

REJECTED SUITOR'S CRIME.

With Lee-Enfield Rifle He Revenges Himself for Cousin's Slight,

St. John, N. B., March 14.—On Saturday at New Carlisle, Carleton County, George Gee, a boy and probably fatally wounded his cousin, Millie Gee, daughter of Cornelius Gee. She is still alive but the physicians have little hope of her recovery. George Gee had been keeping company with the girl, and Saturday they were at another cousin's and Millie refused to play cards with George. When the latter started for home he asked Millie to accompany him to the door and then telling her it was her last card, fire, shot her with a Lee-Enfield rifle. The bullet passed through one hip, and out the other. George gave himself up and a preliminary examination was begun this morning. There is great excitement in the village over the affair.

ADJUSTING DIFFERENCES.

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## The Merger Is Illegal

U.S. Supreme Court Decides That Northern Securities Co. Is Against Law.

Four of the Judges Including the Chief Justice Dissent.

J. J. Hill Says He Is Not Worried About the Matter Yet.

Washington, March 14.—In the United States Supreme court today an opinion was delivered in the merger case of the Northern Securities Company against the United States in favor of the government's contention that the merger was illegal. The opinion of the court was handed down by Justice Harlan, and it upheld the decree of the Circuit court for the District of Minnesota in every particular. Four of the justices dissented from the five constituting the majority. The division in the court was due to a difference of opinion proceeded on the theory that Congress has a right under the constitution to control the interstate commerce power, matter by whom conducted, while the minority or dissenting opinion was based on the theory that in the present case, the effort is to regulate the ownership of railroad stocks by state corporations, and that such ownership is not interstate traffic. Attorney-General Knox, Secretary Taft and an unusual number of Senators and members of the House, were in court. Justice Harlan read his opinion from a printed copy, which contained thirty pages and consumed about an hour and a quarter in its delivery.

Very soon after Justice Harlan had concluded his presentation of the case it became evident that the court had divided on the questions, and as other opinions were all in, it developed that there not only had been a very close shave for the government, but that one of the members of the court who had cast his vote with the majority entertained opinions of his own, which fact was not disclosed. This was Justice Fuller, under the constitution to control the interstate commerce power, matter by whom conducted, while the minority or dissenting opinion was based on the theory that in the present case, the effort is to regulate the ownership of railroad stocks by state corporations, and that such ownership is not interstate traffic.

Toronto, March 14.—J. A. M. Robt, charged with stealing \$1,063 from the Mutual Reserve Life Assurance Company while manager here three years ago, has been found guilty. He will be let go on a remanded sentence.

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TRIAL OF DIAMOND THIEVES.

Toronto, March 14.—When Harold Levy, Webster and Thomas Fair were called in the Police court today to answer the charge of stealing diamonds and other jewelry from the P. W. Ellis Company, Webster's employers, both pleaded guilty, but the crown attorney asked for an enlargement for a week, which was granted. An effort will be made to trace Fair's whereabouts.

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DYNAMITING ICE GORGE.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 14.—Efforts to start the big ice gorge in the Susquehanna river above this city were made today by dynamiting the front of the mass of ice. Great blocks of ice were dislodged, but the gorge remained intact. An effort will also be made to remove the gorge below this city by the use of dynamite. The railroad companies have hundreds of men at work clearing the railroad tracks and cutting roadways through the heavy ice, which in many places is fifteen feet thick.

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Released Russians Enumerate the Captured Vessels Now at Sasebo.

At the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co., no expression of opinion regarding the decision could be had. A member of the firm stated, however, that he was not surprised.

E. H. Harriman said: "I must digest the opinion and consult with my friends before talking about it."

St. Paul, Minn., March 14.—Governor Van Sant, when told of the decision in the merger case, was highly elated. He said:

"I am very much gratified, for, in my opinion, the decision means more to the people of our country than any event since the great civil war. It will, for all time, prevent the formation of illegal trusts and unlawful combinations."

St. Louis, March 14.—Judge Ames Thayer of the United States Circuit court whose opinion in the Northern Securities case was affirmed today by the United States Supreme court tonight said: "From what I have seen of the dissenting opinion it appears that it is held the anti-trust law is purely a criminal statute and that congress did not enact it to prevent men from organizing holding corporations. The great question in this case, whether corporations can be organized to have no business of their own, save to act as holding company for other corporations and to be formed solely for that purpose. It is obvious that if this could be done, one corporation could be formed to control all the industrial plants of the United States. The decision of the Supreme court is final. Motions for a rehearing are made in this court, but never granted especially in a case like this which must be gone over time and time again."

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A FURIOUS BLIZZARD.

Detroit, Mich., March 14.—A furious blizzard has descended on Detroit and lower Michigan during the night, and the heavy snowfall, drifted by the high east wind, is delaying traffic considerably. Several lines were almost completely paralyzed during the early hours.

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TUBERCULOSIS CONGRESS.

New York, March 14.—The Canadian Government has formally accepted the invitation to be represented at the American congress on tuberculosis, which will be held in connection with the St. Louis exposition in October, 1904, and the Canadian Parliament will ask to provide for the expenses of such representation. Correspondence between the American ambassador and the British foreign office in regard to the matter was made public today.

## Mongolians Will Remain Neutral

In Spite of Symptoms to the Contrary Leaders Are Against War.

Twenty Thousand Chinese Warriors On the Borders of Manchuria.

Paris, March 15.—The Tientsin correspondent of the Journal says that Colonel Munthe, aide de camp, and Dr. Laville, counsellor for foreign affairs, to the viceroy of Pechili province, who are starting on a mission to Pekoy and other provinces, make the following statement: "We sincerely believe that China will not interfere in the conflict. Doubtless certain agitators at court are in favor of Japan, but General Yun Shai Kai, who is the Empress' confidential man, the most powerful of the viceroys in China, and virtual chief in the Chinese army, is too provident to expose his country to the consequences of such an adventure. The despatch of reinforcements to the frontier is imminent, from which we conclude that China is determined to remain neutral."

The correspondent adds: "I confess that many symptoms are not in accord with this authoritative declaration."

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that the Czar's refusal of General Kuropatkin's advice to permit Prince Louis Napoleon to go to the Far East is much commented upon.

The correspondent says that six new torpedo boats have been sent out of the Neva yards, and that ten others, modelled on the French torpedo boat Cyclone, are being completed, and possibly will be sent by railway to Port Arthur.

In the course of conversation in the train while traveling from Moscow, according to this correspondent, General Kuropatkin repeated his desire that France should be sent only to Korea. The general said that France, Germany, and Austria have agreed with Russia to prevent Great Britain intervening with another Berlin treaty, adding: "We will never permit Great Britain to interfere for the purpose of depriving us of the fruits of a dearly fought victory. Korea shall be Russian."

The Temps' correspondent at New Chwang telegraphs: "I have just returned from a tour along the Mandarain frontier. The trains are crowded with Chinese refugees, numbering upwards of 20,000, on their way to Manchuria. A Japanese attack is expected as soon as a thaw occurs, which will be in about ten days."

The correspondent of the Temps at St. Petersburg says: "The Japanese thus far have captured seven Russian merchant ships whose commanders did not know what had begun."

It is considered that the naval strength of Russia will equals that of Japan, including in the estimate the fortresses of Port Arthur, Vladivostock and the Baltic fleet."

M. Neldorff, son of the Russian ambassador to France, has gone to St. Petersburg, taking large supplies for the Russian wounded, presented by the French women's organization. The latter are also sending a complete equipment for a field hospital of one hundred beds. These organizations are giving aid through France, that at Cannes, under the patronage of the Grand Duke Michael and Prince Serge Galitzin, yielding a large sum.

## FUNERAL OF EMPRESS DOWAGER OF KOREA

Defunct Royalty Laid to Rest With Much Oriental Ceremony.

Seoul, March 14.—The funeral of the Queen Dowager who died in January, was held here today. The bier was placed on a catafalque at the west gate of the city, where the foreign diplomats gathered this morning. It was a weird scene, thousands of lantern-bearers, soldiers and the populace, in white dresses, gathered around a bier until daybreak. The Emperor, attired in white-colored robes, and attended by a retinue of 600 attendants, arrived at 6 o'clock and performed his devotions over the bier within a canvas pavilion. The procession then started to the tomb, eight miles outside the city, the bands playing the funeral dirges.

The procession was two miles long and full of Oriental coloring. It was headed by native police, followed by lantern-bearers and spearmen in fantastic attire, carrying banners and huge paper blossoms. Then came two large gorgeously colored palanquins, borne on the shoulders of one hundred men, there being one hundred palanquins. The bearers were surrounded by eunuchs and court functionaries. The first bier was empty, being intended to cheat the devil. The populace crammed the streets and covered the roofs to witness the pageant. After the start of the procession the Emperor received the foreign diplomats, and the Japanese minister, being the senior member, presented the condolence of the corps.

VETOED NEGRO EDUCATION.

Jackson, Miss., March 14.—Governor Vardaman today sent to the legislature his veto of the bill appropriating \$22,200 for the support of the Holly Springs Normal school, a colored institution. The governor, in his veto message, takes the ground against negro education, stating that it is not the best thing for the negroes. The governor also gave what he termed a constitutional reason for vetoing the bill.

## MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEEDY RETURN

Probability of Early Dissolution of Parliament May Be the Reason.

London, March 15.—In the lobby of the House of Commons last night there was much comment upon the unexpectedly early departure from Egypt on his return to London of Joseph Chamberlain.

Many members of the House supposed he was returning home in anticipation of the early dissolution of Parliament, but Sir John Jesse Collins and other members of Chamberlain's party maintain that he would spend two or three weeks in Italy and thus extend his holiday as it was originally intended for two months.

The Chamberlain section of Parliament predict that if the unionists are defeated in the general election Mr. Chamberlain and not Mr. Balfour, will be the leader of the opposition in next parliament. They also talk of offering the government in the coming budget to reimpose the shifting duty on grain. Mr. Balfour has for several days been suffering from a severe attack of neuralgia.

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OFRIS EVANS BEATEN.

Trinidad, Colo., March 14.—Chris Evans, financial manager of the United Mine Workers of America, was severely beaten by three masked men with revolvers today on board a Colorado and Southern passenger car bound for Pueblo. The men boarded the train a mile east of Trinidad and after attacking Evans jumped off and escaped. Evans, it is said, had fired at a negro and then barricaded himself in his house to resist arrest. The guards broke into the house.

ANOTHER "GOLD BUG."

Panama, March 14.—According to a decree of the convention published today by the monetary committee of the republic after December 31st next will be the gold dollar of the same dimensions and weight by law as the United States dollar. The silver currency now in circulation will be exchanged at the rate of \$100 in gold for \$225 in silver.

## CASE AGAINST CHIEF OF NANAIMO POLICE

Enquiry Completed and Crossan Warned Not to Let it Happen Again.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, March 14.—The police enquiry was concluded this morning and the decision reserved. Chief Crossan underwent a searching cross-examination by the commissioners, but steadily maintained that all his actions were consistent with his object in delaying the arrest, namely the discovery of other persons supposed to be stolen by the same man. He produced evidence that he had informed personal friends of his intention to arrest Gillian. Throughout the investigation no direct evidence was produced to show that Crossan intended compounding a felony, the base of the case being knocked out this morning by the declaration of Beaven, the owner of the stolen watch, that he had never been approached by the chief of police and merely else with a suggestion that the case must stand. Nevertheless, the commissioners intimated that whatever the decision on the main charge might be they expected Chief Crossan to act more promptly in future and that they considered he had taken serious chances in letting Gillian get away altogether.

The enquiry has occupied four sittings aggregating ten hours and taken the testimony of a dozen witnesses. The practical result will be the thorough revision of the police regulations and the reorganization of the department on more modern lines.

## U. S. DECLARATION OF NEUTRALITY

Russian Officials Accept Proclamation As An End to Friction.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—President Roosevelt's recent proclamation regarding the observance of neutrality by all officials and the abstention from either action or speech which might cause irritation to either Japan or Russia has produced a great impression here. The newspapers this morning print prominently articles commenting on the substance and spirit of the proclamation in the highest terms. The official gazette accepts it unreservedly as a compliment to the charges that the American government is hostile to Russia, and declares that heretofore, despite any unsightly incident which may have occurred, it will be considered settled once and for all that "the American government has taken a friendly attitude towards our aims and policies in the Far East."

This undoubtedly marks a change in American sentiment. The people are realizing the danger of supporting Japan.

The Russians welcome the proclamation as convincing evidence of a more friendly one on the part of Russia.

The Boston Gazette remarks: "Theodore Roosevelt was the first to respond to the warning cry issued many years ago by Emperor William against the yellow peril."

The papers also make a display this morning of a denial of the New Chwang report that the United States intends to support the protest of the commander of the United States gunboat Helena against the plan of the Russian authorities to sink junks at the entrance of the Amur river, even though the order to do this put an end to the statement which caused a flurry here yesterday, and that further comment is unnecessary.

## SHIP DELAYED BY STORMS AND MUTINY

After Eight Months Battle With Gales and Crew Arrives at Frisco.

San Francisco, March 14.—After voyage of nearly eight months, during which her crew mutinied because of labor in a succession of gales, the British four-masted bark Palls of Hallstatt has arrived here, 255 days out from Liverpool, from which port she sailed July 25th.

Capt. Thompson first attempted to round Cape Horn, and, failing after battling with the tempestuous seas and winds, gave it up and went practically around the world the other way via the Golden Gate. The vicinity of Cape Horn was reached September 25, and there a succession of terrific southerwest and westerly gales were encountered which rendered it impossible to work the ship around the Cape and into the Pacific. One of the gales attained a hurricane velocity October 9th and 10th, in the course of which nineteen sails were blown away. After attempting to make the Falklands and the vessel had begun to leak, Capt. Thompson decided to take the eastern passage around the Cape of Good Hope. The vessel was reached January 1st, Futuna Island, off the south of New Zealand, was reached, and there a stop was made for provisions and water, the supply of which was running short.

At Futuna eight men of the crew, tired out, refused duty, but, with the exception of the ringleader, they turned to after the captain and his mates were forced to adopt formidable measures with the ringleader. The vessel was ironed and confined for 38 days. The vessel, after leaving Futuna, made a very unusual event in the Pacific without any mishaps. The trouble with the men quieted down and all hands were on duty when the anchor was dropped here.

SEVENTY-EIGHT MISSING.

Brisbane, Queensland, March 14.—The British steamer Aramie was wrecked on the Break sea, 60 miles off Queenland Sunday morning. Six boats were launched and two were safely landed with sixty exhausted passengers and members of the crew. Four other boats are still missing, containing seventy-eight passengers. It is believed that these boats were not provisioned. The weather is bad and steamers sent in search of the boats have found no trace of them.

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## Canada For The Canadians

The Montreal Harbor Board Resents Some Unpopular Appointments.

Another Transatlantic Line to Have Its Terminus at Montreal.

Montreal, March 14.—There was a lively time this morning at the meeting of the harbor board. Some time ago an American from Buffalo was engaged as the superintendent of the elevator by the board, and the appointment is now nearing completion. The other day Senator MacKay, who is chairman of the board, was given authority to choose the operating staff. At this morning's meeting the Senator was asked if it was not a fact that ten men engaged five were Americans. The Senator admitted that this was correct. Then several members of the board wanted to know if Canadians were not good enough to work for Canadian ports. The Senator pointed out that there were several hundred elevators in Canada, and that surely five more capable men might be found. In the end the matter dropped without anything being done, but it promises to come up again.

Montreal is to be the Canadian terminus of another steamship line, and the service will be commenced in April.

Montreal, Bordeaux and Amiens

steamship company has engaged

and fortified freight service will be operated first.

The steamers already secured are the Ebro, Minio and Lady Stratton,

the latter being a new boat.

The new line will be in connection with the Canada Ocean and Inland line, and Thomas Harling will be the Montreal

## AFFAIR OF OUTPOSTS.

Carabu Patrol Ambushes Japanese Scouts and One Is Killed.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—General Zillinski telegraphed as follows under yesterday's date: "On March 7th our patrol discovered four of the enemy's posts on the Chong Cheng Ang river and a troop of cavalry acting as scouts near Patetchen, northwest of Anju. A Japanese cavalry patrol fell into an ambuscade prepared by our patrol and were dispersed losing one killed. The Japanese left behind them a quantity of gunpowder and some swords and blankets. The population of Manchuria is quiet. On the night of March 11th the enemy's ships explored Peleua bay and the shore opposite Scrutine with searchlights. According to information which has been verified the Japanese have not made any attacks north of Gensan. The population along the Tumen river is favorable to us."

## A CORRESPONDENT HORS DE COMBAT

First Casualty In Army of Writers Now in the Battle Field.

London, March 15.—News has been received of the first accident to a war correspondent in the Far East. Mr. McKenzie, representing the Daily Mail in Korea, had both his legs broken in a fall from a pony.

The correspondent of the Times at Seoul comments on the remarkable civil influence which Japan had brought to bear upon Korea without adopting an attitude of overbearing coercion.

The correspondent says that, on the contrary, everything is being done to conciliate the Koreans, but he points out that from Chemulpo to Seoul every controlling influence is Japanese—railway police and telegraph. He adds that Japan must have been laying the foundation for this condition of affairs for many months.

SENATOR DIETRICH'S CASE.

Washington, March 14.—The Senate committee investigating the charges against United States Senator Dietrich today held the last of the witnesses suggested by District Attorney Summers, and Mr. Dietrich called several persons to deny statements made by the prosecuting witness. Mr. Dietrich took the stand in his own defense and insisted on being sworn. He denied emphatically that he had received money for securing the appointment of Jacob F. Smith as Nebraska senator. He said he never received a cent directly or indirectly, for any appointment he had made, either as governor of Nebraska or as senator of that state.

## RUSSIAN CAPTAIN SHOT FOR TRAITOR

Sold List of Government's Spies to Foreign Power and is Caught.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

Warsaw, March 14.—Captain Leonina, a member of the general staff of the Russian army, who was arrested for selling to a foreign power the names of the spies employed by Russia along her borders, was summarily court-martialed and shot. The discovery of his duplicity was made through the delivery of a money order intended for him to another officer of the same name.

BORN.

HIGGINS.—At Ferme, B. C., on March 11th, the wife of C. Paul Higgins, M. D., of a son.

DIED.

FERGUSON.—On the 19th December, 1903, near Saanich, B. C., David Ferguson, a native of Grand Bend, Huron county, Ontario, aged 42 years.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, March 16th, at 3 p. m., from his brother's residence, 56 Quebec street, Victoria.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

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The sale of goods and chattels and equity of redemption of the Execution Debtor in certain pawned goods, including Brocades, Valances, etc., will be held on Wednesday next, March 16th, 1904, at two o'clock p. m., at Aaronson's Indian Bazaar, Broad street.

Terms of sale cash.

F. G. RICHARDS, Sheriff.

March 14th, 1904.

## SUFFERED FOR THREE YEARS.

HEADACHES AND RUSHING OF BLOOD TO THE HEAD.

APPETITE WAS GONE.

TRIED MANY DIFFERENT REMEDIES BUT

BURDOCK

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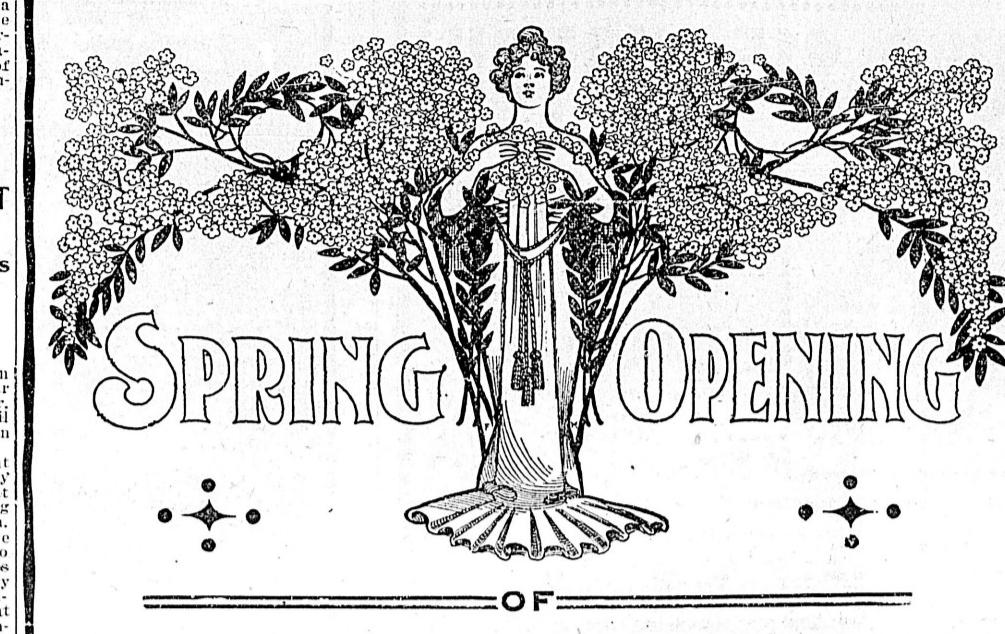
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MRS. WALTER MANTHORNE, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

She says: "I suffered for three years with terrible headaches and rushing of blood to my head. I lost my appetite and became very thin and weak. I tried many different remedies and consulted doctors, but all in vain until I started to use Burdock Blood Bitters. I had not taken more than two bottles when I began to feel better, my appetite improved wonderfully and I increased rapidly in weight. I took altogether four bottles and am now as well as can be, for which I owe my thanks to Burdock Blood Bitters. I can recommend it to all those suffering as I did."



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**Grand Trunk  
Survey Engineer**

**Return to City of Mr. Going After  
Viewing Possible  
Routes.**

**Interesting Statement Regarding  
Experiences in Six  
Months Journey.**

Mr. A. S. Going, the Grand Trunk Pacific railway's surveying engineer for the most feasible route for the line of that railway across British Columbia arrived from the north by the steamer Danube yesterday forenoon after an absence of six months. Mr. Going brought ample evidence in his appearance that he had been exposed to all sorts of weather during the long and exceedingly arduous trek through the unbroken wilderness of northeastern British Columbia. Otherwise, however, he is as Hale and hearty as any man, and looking back upon his work along the trail, well entitled to do.

Mr. Going was instructed to select two possible routes, and this he has done, but, of course, to no advantage, even as to the locality of the routes he is absolutely silent. He will make his report to the Grand Trunk Pacific railway in due course, and it will contain his findings and recommendations as to the best route to be followed by the new iron highway which, it is sincerely hoped, is soon to span the northern half of the province from the Rockies to the sea.

The weather most of the time that Mr. Going and his party were on the survey was very fine, and a great part of the journey was covered on snowshoes. The thermometer indicated excessive cold, the winter temperature in those high latitudes being often far below zero. Dog sleds were employed in some places for personal travel and for packing supplies.

The country traversed is, in general, wildly mountainous, though interspersed with broad, fertile valleys, where stock-raising or agriculture could be followed with success. As for scenery, there is some of the finest in the province in those northern sections, many rivers like the Peace, valley. The rivers and lakes teem with delicious fish. For the sportsman as well as the miner, farmer and stock-raiser, it is a land of great promise.

The distance traveled by Mr. Going and his party was over twelve hundred miles, and 500 of that was done on snowshoes. They left Hazelton on October 4th, and went to the Peace river. From that point they passed on to MacLeod lake, where they arrived on December 24th, leaving again on January 4th. It was at Steveston that Mr. Going received news that he was the ugliest boy in Victoria to be lost. He immediately despatched a message by telegraph to headquarters from the Fraser lake office, reporting that all was well.

The report about Mr. Going being lost arose, no doubt, from the delay caused by his following the route surveyed by a government surveyor six years ago, and who evidently did not know anything of the country, for it led Mr. Going 200 miles out of his way, and thus kept him much longer on the trail than he expected.

Mr. Going spent some time in the Findlay and Parsnip river valleys, these important streams uniting, making the famous Peace river. He then passed on to inspect the Peace river and the Pine river passes through the Rockies, both supposed to be eligible as railway routes into British Columbia from the Territories. It was on this part of the trip that one of his men fell sick and had to be sent back by way of Ashcroft and Quesnel. After completing this portion of the survey Mr. Going recrossed the divide and struck into the Bulkley river valley, whence he went on to Hazelton, and so out to the coast to catch the southbound steamer for Victoria.

The weather almost throughout the trip was cold and brisk, and he enjoyed the best of health all the way. The party consisted principally of Indians with a couple of white men, and with the exception mentioned, the whole party enjoyed excellent health.

Mr. Going was sorry to report that in the Omineca and Parsnip regions the game had been almost all shot off, pro-

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papers, none of which gave any clue to the reasons for suicide.

The jury returned shortly after and brought in a verdict that deceased committed suicide in a fit of despondency.

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**THE GALLANT WARRIOR.**

"Suppose," said the fair grass widow, "that you and I were strolling along a lonely road, miles and miles from any town, and where nobody was likely to come along with a wagon or a buggy for a week, and I should suddenly happen to—sprain my ankle so that I couldn't walk, what would you do?"

"Well, I'll tell you," replied the Colonel, "there's one thing I learned in the army that seems to come in kind of pat here."

"Yes?" she eagerly urged. "Something about first aid to the injured? Ah, Colonel, what's must be handy at such times?"

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On Sunday afternoon the body of David Ferguson (who has been missing since December last) was discovered by Mr. Pinlott, a boy, half a mile above Young's post office on the Saanich road. Mr. Armstrong was on his way to church, and on turning into the bush, noticed a light fedora hat. He naturally became curious as to how the article came there, and on turning around to investigate saw the form of a man lying not more than two feet away from him. Mr. Pinlott at once started to notify the authorities, and on his way met Mr. John, the jailor, who happened to be driving by. Mr. Johns drove back with Mr. Pinlott, and after investigating, communicated with the provincial police, explaining at the same time he believed the body to be that of David Ferguson. About 4 o'clock Constables Cox and Campbell, accompanied by Mr. Ferguson, a brother of deceased, and an undertaker, drove out to where the body had been discovered. They found the body lying on its face, both arms underneath; hat, collar and neck tie were lying alongside. On turning the body over they discovered a pearl-handled revolver which was lying in the right hand and covered with flesh and blood. Across the throat was a deep, jagged gash which had completely severed the arteries and jugular vein.

The face was very much decomposed, but was easily identified by those who had been on friendly terms with deceased. The body was taken into the city on Sunday by the provincial police.

The extraordinary disappearance of the late David Ferguson caused something of a sensation, he having been last seen on the morning of the 19th of December, and appearing in apparent good health; he took breakfast this never seen after. He arrived from the interior about the end of October and registered at the Dominion hotel, where he resided until the day of his mysterious disappearance.

A reward of \$1,000 was offered. After every effort had been made to discover Mr. Ferguson's whereabouts the matter was finally dropped and the reward withdrawn.

An inquest was held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon before Justice Hart and a jury. Captain J. A. McLean (Foreman), J. A. McLean, Henry Higgins, Fred Robertson, Kenneth Burns and Charles Ruehle. After being sworn, Constable Campbell escorted the jury over to the morgue for the purpose of viewing the remains.

Peter Ferguson, the first witness called, said he fully identified the body of deceased as his brother. He saw him last about the 11th or 12th of December, and although he had been drinking, he considered him to be in good health and never saw any unusual signs of trouble. Misses Atkin first about the 21st of December and never saw him afterwards until yesterday, when he was notified that a body had been found in South Saanich.

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Constable Cox examined laying driver, etc., to see where the body had been found. He made a careful search of surroundings, found the body lying face downwards, arms doubled up, hands under the body, bat, tie and collar laid a few feet away. The knife was tightly clasped in the right hand, and when removed flesh and skin of the hand was stuck to the knife. The throat on the right side had a deep gash; found some silver, a watch and compasses in his pockets, also a bundle of

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Putting aside altogether the relative military and naval strength of Russia and Japan, the ability of the latter to stand the strain of a long and costly war is frequently called in question. No one disputes that the country is progressive and prosperous, but it has been pointed out that Japan's trade is a thing of comparatively recent growth and it has been argued that her resources are as yet so undeveloped that the actual capital at her command is too small to admit of her engaging in a long contest with an antagonist so formidable as Russia is under any circumstances. But those who use this argument and make light of Japan's resources, either overlook or make light of the immense progress made in the little island during the past one or two decades. An official publication issued last year at Tokio contains some comparative figures that throw a good deal of light on the subject and show that Japan's resources are already considerably greater than many people have any idea of. A brief reference to some of these statements may not be uninteresting at the present time.

Agriculture is the first interest that may be noted, for Japan is essentially a producing country. The yield of the staple cereal—rice—shows the following increase during the past ten years. The yield in 1892 was 30,089,457 Koku; in 1902, 40,856,115 Koku. The advance in the yield of "mugi"—that is, barley, wheat, rye and oats—is far more remarkable, being as follows: 1892, 15,678,141 Koku; in 1902, 19,546,602 Koku, or an increase of nearly 25 per cent. The cultivation of tea is an important industry. Although it was subjected to adverse influences during the decade on account of the state of foreign markets, it has made progress. The yield in 1892 was 7,054,495 kwan; in 1902 it was 8,120,390, an increase of nearly 12 per cent. But it is when we come to the mining industry that we get an adequate idea of the industrial progress that Japan has already made, and is still making. Both in her expansion of foreign markets and in the increased consumption at home, Japan's coal mining industry has made extraordinary progress in the last decade. In 1890 the output of coal was 2,588,114 tons; in 1901 it was 7,428,457 tons, or an increase of no less than 186 per cent. As showing Japan's industrial and maritime progress the consumption of coal at home in the various spheres of economic activity must be considered satisfactory. The quantity consumed by steamers increased from 443,000 tons in 1891 to 1,387,000 tons in 1901; that by railways from 98,000 tons to 622,000 tons; by factories and workshops from 512,000 tons to 3,813,600 tons, and from 454,000 tons to 805,630 tons for salt refining. Next to coal in industrial importance comes iron, and the fact that the output advanced 18 per cent, during a recent decade gathers special significance when it is remembered how, at first, the possibility of working Japanese iron mines with profit was doubted in many competent quarters. In 1890 the output of iron was 5,603,481 kwan; in 1900 it was 6,624,447 kwan. The production of copper has reached the record increase of 39 per cent, chiefly due to the great demand for it in foreign markets. In 1890 the output was 4,856,805 kwan; in 1900, 6,749,176 kwan. Other mineral products of minor relative importance also show satisfactory increases, that of gold of 90.3 per cent, silver 11.3 per cent, and petroleum 6,789 per cent.

In her manufacturing progress Japan has a specially noteworthy record. Its growth stands out conspicuously in Japan's foreign trade by the effect it has had in substituting the domestic for the foreign article. We find a steady decline in the imports of cotton yarns and a steady increase in the importation of raw cotton. Naturally the progress of the spinning industry has been phenomenal, showing an increase of 527 per cent, in 1900 as compared with the output in 1890.

The country's facilities for transport and communication have shown a steady and striking expansion. At the end of the 1891-92 fiscal year there were 7,855 miles of telegraph lines, with an aggregate mileage of wire of 22,782 miles. In ten years the corresponding figures were 15,940 and 74,742 miles, respectively. During the same period the railway mileage increased from 1,621 miles to 4,025 miles. The number of steamers and their tonnage also advanced from 607 with 95,588 tons, to 960 with 577,700 tons, showing a large increase in the tonnage of individual vessels. In her general commerce Japan has shown an equally satisfactory progress, and this gathers greater importance in view of the question as to her ability to maintain a war for any lengthy period when we observe that the commercial growth has been steady and continuous, indicating that trade rests on a sound basis. In 1892 the export trade was 91,102,000 yen; in 1902 it was 238,363,000 yen. The import trade in 1892 was 76,100,000 yen; in 1902 it was 271,731,000 yen. And the figures for all the years intervening between those two periods show

a steady growth. Turning to other statistics such as we use in considering the growth of other nations, we find Japan in all respects sustaining the view of national progress such as is indicated by the figures we have given above. Commercial corporations increased their capital between 1890 and 1900 from 61,881,000 yen to 191,422,000 yen. Manufacturing investments were increased during the same period from 77,960,000 yen to 216,766,000 yen. Banking corporations enlarged their capital from 102,643,000 yen to 531,666,000 yen. The increase in national wealth is, perhaps, even shown more clearly by the banking deposits that advanced from 39,519,000 yen to 527,703,000 yen in the ten years, and the savings bank deposits from 22,793,000 yen to 73,632,000 yen.

There are other statistics given in this official publication that are equally indicative of general economic progress, which space will not permit us to quote. But we think we have given facts sufficient to show that Japan's resources are not to be despised, even in a struggle with a colossus like Russia.

**PROVINCIAL POLITICS.**

The stock of Opposition provender that was available for attacks on the Provincial Government appears to be exhausted. What little nutriment there may have been in it originally, whereby the political staining of the Government's opponents might temporarily be sustained, has been wrung from it by constant chewing on the self-same topics, with results alike unsubstantial to the Opposition and tiresome to the electorate at large. Something more real, something with facts to substantiate mere allegations must be found before the Opposition can hope to make any headway or to have the least chance of defeating the Government. And the possibility of finding anything of the kind seems to be very remote.

The Premier has just returned from a visit to the Lillooet district and does not find that there is much probability of any opposition being offered to the re-election of Mr. McDonald. This announcement will be no surprise to those who are acquainted with the sentiment of the people of that district or with the circumstances that have made it necessary for the late member for the riding to ask again for the support of its electorate. Elected last year by acclamation, nothing has occurred since to cause the people of the Lillooet district to withdraw their support from Mr. McDonald or to desire to see him opposed by a candidate in the interest of the Opposition. Indeed, the circumstances are all the other way. The country is now able to judge of the merits of the policies propounded by the Government and the Opposition respectively. Or, perhaps, we should rather say, of the Government's policy and the efforts of the Opposition to criticize it for the incidents of the session of the Legislature demonstrated one thing very plainly—that the Opposition has no policy to offer on which it can ask for popular support.

The Government, on the other hand, has made good progress in redeeming its pre-election pledges. It has dealt fully and thoroughly with the financial situation and has placed the provincial finances on a sound basis. It has amended the defects in the election law which it received as a legacy from its predecessors. It is now engaged in a careful study of the manner in which the great question of the extension of the railway system can be solved. Under such circumstances the Government can rely on the support of the electors of Lillooet.

**ARMY REFORM.**

The London Spectator severely criticizes the appointment of the Duke of Connaught as Inspector-General. It admits his zeal and capacity, but admits what no one else has cared to say in print, that it will be impossible to exact in the case of a Royal Duke that full and hard responsibility which ought to be exacted from all soldiers in high authority. There is said to be trouble brewing in the Cabinet. Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Brodrick are deeply moved at seeing the reversal of their army corps system, which the commissioners have said is futile in peace and ruinous in war and led to the waste of millions in South Africa. The King is believed to be the dominant power in the reform movement. He is described as determined to sweep the whole system into oblivion regardless of vested interests, social claims and personal susceptibilities. A section of the Cabinet have had their feelings outraged by the changes and further defections are anticipated.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.**

**STEWARDS AND DOCKS.**—As an officer of fifteen years' experience in ocean-going mail steamers allow me to inform you that a steward is not an officer—he is merely a servant. Also that there are no ocean docks in Victoria. To call the Outer wharves "dock," is like most Americans, a horrible misnomer, a dock being an enclosure for ships, and the ocean being about 80 miles distant from Victoria.—W. J. NORFOLK.

**FISH AND GAME CLUB.**

Sir—I saw in your Sunday game a notice that the Fish and Game Club are holding their annual meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Tourists' Rooms, Fort street. I hope we shall have a large meeting of sportsmen. The club was started just one year ago and has done good work in the interests of sport. There are a large number of men who fish and hunt regularly who are not members of the club, those who are able, whether numbers or not, will make a point to attend the meeting next Wednesday. The club is anxious to obtain the views of all sportsmen on the question of the better protection of fish and game. The Vancouver Rod and Gun Club have imported several dozen English truffles this spring.

The sportsmen of Victoria should join the local club and work for the better protection of our game. The subscription is a nominal one, and by everyone interested in fishing and working together the fishing and shooting near Victoria would soon be something worth having.

A MEMBER.

**THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.**—Sir—Your correspondent "Observer," a few days ago dealt at some length with the route and mileage, with which he has made up his mind to take, in order to determine the strategic importance of the two Islands awarded to the United States, on which many other persons have spoken and written.

I cannot see any force in the argument or contention that these two islands, or are a menace to a future railway connection with Port Simpson, when we think that for 4,000 miles from the Atlantic to the Pacific, there is a single railway proposition and it is said to run 60 to 70 per cent galeana. Shipments have been made

from its length impossible of fortification.

Vancouver, although of more importance than any northern terminus will be for some years, has not been mentioned as being open to attack and requiring fortification, while Port Simpson is more open to a land attack. Should it be considered necessary in the future to fortify these places they are eminently adapted for such purposes. The north side of Port Simpson and Dundas Island, command its entrance. Vancouver is equally well commanded by the hills behind it, English Bay, and the high headland at Stanley Park, the harbor. My reference is to attacks by sea. We do not, however, know of any country which has specially fortified its railway terminus except Russia on the Asiatic coast, which was made necessary by reason of her being a treacherous in a country not being able to be reconnoitred singly, the strategic position of the railway not causing any anxiety. In case of a capture with any country should we lose command of the sea we may expect to lose a good deal more than a northern railway terminus.

Observer is quite correct in saying that very little is known of the country between the two islands, and the Canadian prudence would indicate the sending of thorough exploratory surveys and accurate information being had before contracts involving millions of money were ratified. Some days ago the Colonist in a semi-editorial on the subject of the Grand Trunk Pacific, referred to Sir Wilfrid Laurier as not being a business man, which is clearly indicated in the contract he negotiated last session, which was not to be put off until from defective construction, as proved by reconstruction being necessary before the ink was dry on the first contract. Nothing in the commercial necessities can justify duplicating the Intercolonial railway, which has not in many years earned expenses from lack of traffic, and yet Sir Wilfrid is to construct a competing line at the cost of almost double that of the old line to be handed over to a rival company free of rent for seven years, and for three more years if the company cannot pay after the expiration of the first seven years.

Can any Liberal call this a wise business proposition? If it had been Mr. Blair, Minister of Railways, would not have left the Laurier government?

This can not be doubt what the true policy should be—strutuate and add our present railways now operating in parts of the Northwest to open and colonize the lands known to be fit for settlement, rather than at enormous cost open lands, the extent and character of which are not known. We have millions of acres now available, and more being made available year by year.

The Canadian Northern is now pushing on towards Yellow Head; the Dominion and British Columbia give moderate assistance to come to the coast and on to Victoria. Such a project would open Vancouver Island from north to south, and stimulate most commercial parts of the province. When the G. T. P. contract was signed, part of the railway was ratified, this provision was not given the same consideration, and no stipulation for construction to be commenced on the coast simultaneously with that from Winnipeg. Nor in the Governor's speech on the 10th of this month was any mention made of this province. Now was there any stipulation for the non-employment of alien labor. Should the portion of the proposed railway from Nova Scotia to Quebec be dropped, the scheme would lose its most objectionable and unbusiness-like features and would doubtless receive a more cordial support.

W. J. MACDONALD.

**ONE BY ONE.**

One by one the sands are flowing,  
One by one the moments fall;  
Sand is common—time is gold;  
Do not strive to grasp them all;  
One by one thy thyme walt thee—  
Let thy whole strength go to each,  
Let no future dreams elate thee,  
Learn thou first what these can teach.

One by one bright gifts from heaven  
Joys are sent thee here below;  
Take them readily when given—  
Ready, too, to let them go;  
One by one thy griefs shall meet thee,  
Do not fear an armed hand;

One will fade as others greet thee—  
Shadows passing through the land.

Not look long with regretting,  
Or for passing hours despond,  
Nor for trivial trifles grieve—  
Look too eagerly beyond.

Hours are golden links, God's taken,

Reaching heaven; but, one by one,

Take them, lest the chain be broken

Ere the pilgrimage be done.

—Adelaide A. Proctor.

**PROVINCIAL PRESS.**

Petroleum in Cariboo. Quality, excellent. Exports, 1,000,000 gallons. Mr. Ward, manager of the Ward Brothers Gold Mining Company, informed the Journal last fall that he believed he had found oil in the vicinity of his placer mine at Harper's Camp, but until he had done some experimenting he wished nothing said about his find. Thursday he arrived in Ashcroft from Horsefly and had with him a small bottle of oil which he had distilled from rock. It is now a matter of general knowledge in the upper country that oil can be found in the vicinity of Harper's camp. Ashcroft Journal.

Price Ellison, M.P.P., has placed his large ranch at Vernon in the hands of his agents for disposal within a limited time. It will likely be broken up into small holdings, as tracts suitable for fruit farming are in great demand in the Okanagan-Kamloops Standard.

During the past week Capt. F. P. Armstrong has been making out timber limits in the vicinity of Goldie and Dutch Creek, assisted by Jas. Brady, P. L. S. The Captain has a big order from the C. P. R. to supply raw material and is now preparing to start a sawmill on the creek. All is known there is a vast forest of timber up Dutch Creek, suitable for railway ties. In fact it would be difficult to find better material for the purpose anywhere.—Vancouver Sun.

The Lou Dillon group on Four Mile Creek, Shuswap, proving a bonanza. Open cut on the surface extends one shot for 90 feet, which has been tapped by a 40-foot crosscut at 30-foot depth. Ten inches of shipping ore is bailed with two inches of soft goze is exposed in the drift without any sign of a break. Assays giving 500 ounces have been prepared, but the assay streak will average 150 ounces.—Kaslo Kooteenay.

W. P. Pool of this city, and J. J. Young of Gaspé, who are large stockholders of the Great Northern Mines, Limited, leave for the coast tonight. It is their intention to order while at the coast ten additional stamps with the necessary equipment for the Oyster-Criteron mill at Camborne, owned by the Great Northern Mines. The mill already has ten stamps, three frane and one condenser plant, water-wheels and other machinery. There are so many ore in sight in the Oyster-Criteron group of mines, owned by the company, that it has been decided to double the present capacity of the mill.—Revoltose Herald.

Atmosphere is shaping themselves in a somewhat manner for the Arlingdon people and there can be no longer any doubt that the mill will proceed with the erection of their reduction works just so soon as the condition of the ground will permit. During the week a letter was received from R. P. Rithet, president of the company, stating definitely that the mill would be erected this summer. He also stated J. Frank Collom, managing director, was meeting with marked success in the Eastern market to raise the funds required for the undertaking. With the spring opening up quickly, it will not long now till the initial steps are being taken by the company for the erection of the necessary buildings and installing the plant.—Revoltose Herald.

Sir—Your correspondent "Observer," a few days ago dealt at some length with the route and mileage, with which he has made up his mind to take, in order to determine the strategic importance of the two Islands awarded to the United States, on which many other persons have spoken and written.

I cannot see any force in the argument or contention that these two islands, or are a menace to a future railway

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all through the winter months to the North port smeltier, but now that the snow is going off the roads, shipments must necessarily cease for awhile.—Rossland World.

Dr. W. A. Hendry has succeeded in saving \$3.3 per cent of the values in the first run at the Mountain Lion plant, of Republic, with his new process. The doctor claims that the cost of treatment will not exceed \$1.50 per ton.—Cranbrook

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Bible Reading.—Bishop Perrin will conduct a Bible reading in Christ Church Cathedral this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Police Court.—Yesterday morning there were three cases tried at the Police court. Oliver Johnson was fined \$10 for an offence against the Building by-law. A Jap was fined \$5 for advertising too liberally, and a Chinaman was up for not paying his revenue tax. This case was withdrawn on payment of tax and costs.

Coal Oil Lower.—Now that provisions generally are a little higher in price, housewives will welcome the announcement that coal oil is selling for ten cents less a tin than last week. The wholesale price has been reduced by the Standard Oil Company. This has brought about a corresponding reduction in the retail price.

A Generous Donation.—James Dunnigan, following up his practice of previous years, has again signified his intention of donating \$500 to the funds of the Tourist Association. To a committee which waited on him yesterday morning he conveyed this pleasing information. He also expressed his appreciation of the good work being done by the association.

Military Openings.—These are the days when Dame Fashion decrees that the feminine headgear which has been worn daily during the winter months must be laid to one side and something more in keeping with the smiles of summer secured in its stead. As a consequence milliners are now showing most reasonable offerings, a majority of the displays being of a highly artistic character.

Wireless Telegraphy.—The first message ever transmitted by the Port Townsend-Friday Harbor system of wireless telegraphy was exchanged yesterday, and the offices are now open for business. The plant was installed at the instance of the Washington government, and the Sound revenue cutters are also equipped with wireless apparatus, the hope being that thereby the customs' department will be aided in its attempts at the suppression of smuggling.

Subscription List Opened.—At the suggestion of Capt. Perry of H. M. S. Erebus, a subscription list in aid of the Sailors and Soldiers' Home at Esquimalt was opened on that vessel, and already between \$30 and \$50 has been promised. This effort on behalf of the home, which was taken voluntarily on the part of the officers of the ship, is very gratifying to Rev. J. P. Hicks and others who were instrumental in the establishment of the institution.

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Hold an Inquest.—An inquest will be held this morning on the body of an unknown Indian woman who died suddenly on Sunday. She was known as "Nanaimo Mary" and lived in a cabin on Lower Pemberton street.

Hospital Directors.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital will be held at the board of trade rooms on Thursday evening next for the transaction of general business.

Committee Meeting.—This afternoon at 3 o'clock in the committee room at the City Hall a meeting of the committee who have been collecting funds for this year's exhibition will be held when reports will be handed in or the collections made.

Sergeants' Social.—A pleasant time is assured all those who attend the sergeants' mess social and dance next Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Drill hall, from 8 to 12. Invitations are issued to a number of their friends, both civil and military.

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Death of a Pioneer Clergyman.—The London Times of the 10th February announces the death of Rev. Robert James Dundas at Albany, Guilford. Mr. Dundas was here in 1839 and was the first rector of St. John's in this city. He was present, and officiated at the laying of the corner stone of the sacred edifice by Sir James Douglas in May, 1860. Mr. Dundas left Victoria in 1864, and was rector at Albany when he died.

The Bauer Recital.—Seats for the Harald Bauer piano recital will be on sale at L. W. Whittlesey's on Saturday morning next, and it is anticipated that will be great rush for the same on the part of the music-loving public of Victoria. Mr. Bauer is pronounced by competent critics to be one of the greatest pianists on the continent, and will appear at the Victoria theatre on March 22nd. This is his first visit to the coast and he has taken San Francisco by storm.

To Purchase Stock.—L. W. Paisley, secretary of the Live Stock Association, expects to leave shortly on a purchasing trip to Europe. The object of the expedition, which is assisted by the provincial government, is to encourage the raising of pure-bred stock, and every year the secretary goes to Ontario to select prime animals for breeding purposes. Farmers in the province desiring stock give Mr. Paisley their orders before he leaves and he visits the best breeders of the East. In this way the class of animals secured is of the very finest and the farmer is thus able to get them at the least possible price.

Permanent Sidewalks.—More permanent sidewalks are to be laid in the James Bay District in the near future. Birchage Walk and McKenzie street, from Belleville to Superior street, are to have pavements, and the council is negotiating with the Dominion and provincial governments, asking the latter to make arrangements whereby the governments bear half the cost of the pieces affecting their property, and it is likely that this arrangement will be entered into. Small sidewalks along the government grounds would be an immediate improvement. The Dominion government would be concerned by the walk passing the Drill hall property.

The Pat Stock Show.—The fat stock show at New Westminster last week is said to have been the whale of a success, though the attendance was not what it ought to have been. A guest at the Victoria hotel is W. J. Black, who acted as judge. He expressed himself as much pleased at the exhibition, and says that few finer cattle he has found in all the fairs he has visited.

Domestic.—On the last day of Feb-

ruary Mr. Black took the carcasses of

animals, two of cattle, two of sheep and

four of hogs, and gave the farmers and

others some valuable hints on the best

way to fatten live stock, and a'stold

where the best cuts were in the ani-

mals.

Regimental Programme.—The follow-

ing programme will be observed by the Fifth Regiment on the various evenings this week: Tuesday—1, No. 1 section

No. 3 section of No. 1 Co.; 2nd band practice; 3rd section of No. 1 section of the adjutant. Wednesday—No. 1 section of No. 3 Co. vs. No. 2 section of No. 3 Co.; 2nd office, S. M. Thursday—There will be no gymnasium. Lieutenant Hall, having kindly granted permission to the sergeant of the Fifth Regiment to hold a social in the hall that night, they will have the exclusive use of it. Friday—1, gallery practice, No. 2 section of No. 4 Co. vs. No. 2 section of No. 5 Co.; 2nd band practice. Saturday—Band concert.

Instructor Appointed.—Sergt. Major McPherson of the First Regulars has been appointed instructor of the newly organized High school cadet corps. He will report himself to E. B. Paul, principal of the school, and make arrangements for regular drills. The question now to be decided is whether the physical instruction will take place during school hours or after dismissal. In the former case it will be compulsory for all members of the corps to attend, and if the latter course is adopted all the boys will not necessarily have to be present on these occasions. It is hoped that the corps will be in shape to take part in the skirmishing on Good Friday at Mount Tolmie.

From the Front.—A letter has been received by a member of the Vancouver News-Advertiser staff from Mr. E. J. Harrison, who received his early news training on that paper, and who has for some time occupied an important position on the Japanese Times at Yokohama. That position he is about to vacate, having been appointed Tokio correspondent of the London Daily Mail and organizer of its war news service. James M. Harrison is the son of the service in Yokohama of Mr. J. T. Wilkinson (Wings), who was duly shown the signs. He also mentions that Mr. Gordon Smith, late of the Colonist, had arrived there and reported for service on the Mail staff of correspondents. He will follow the war with the Japanese navy. "The President," as Mr. Harrison was known locally, is a man many Vancouver friends, and says he intends to go to England after the war and if possible will travel via Vancouver.

Received Trophy.—At Vancouver on Saturday evening, on the conclusion of the last game or basketball of the inter-city series, between the James Bay and Sixth Regiment teams, the former team was presented with the Armstrong challenge cup. This trophy was put up at the commencement of the season by B. F. Armstrong, a prominent jeweler of the Terminal City, for competition between Victoria and Vancouver teams. The James Bay and Fernwood teams entered from this city. The Sixth Regiment team from the Mainland, throughout the series the Bays have not lost a game, and they therefore easily captured the cup. It is a handsome silver trophy and must be won three times in succession before becoming the property of any one association.

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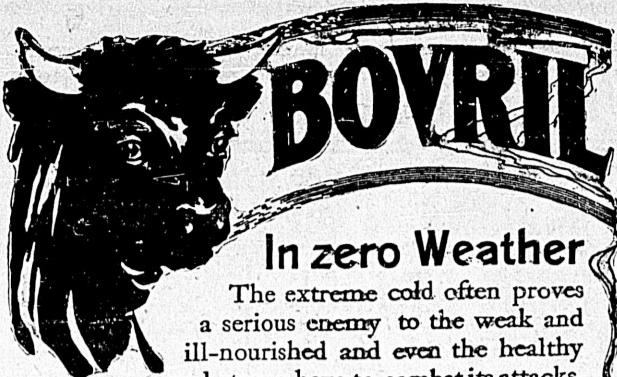
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## The University And the West

Editor of University of Toronto Monthly Discusses Important Question.

British Columbia's Educational Advantages Receives Some Favorable Criticism.

We have received from Mrs. A. T. Watt, M. A., the local representative of the University of Toronto, the following for publication. The article is from the University of Toronto Monthly, and is by the editor of that magazine:

In British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, a growing demand for university facilities has existed for several years. The University of Toronto has responded to the same extent to this demand by the holding of matriculation examinations in British Columbia, and also examinations for the first and second years of the Arts course in Columbia College, New Westminster, which stands in affiliation with the University through its connection with Victoria College. Up to the present year, however, no comprehensive plan has been adopted for the examination of the various faculties, or for recognizing the examinations held in the West for teachers' certificates or academic standing. For the purpose of inquiring into local conditions and standards, President Loudon was commissioned during the past summer to visit the various centres and report to the senate. Upon his return he made a full report also.

Mr. Backwith said the injustice of the residents who complained should be adjusted immediately.

Mr. Fen favored referring the matter to a committee. This was decided upon.

George Etter applied for the position of poundkeeper. He will be informed that the position is not yet vacant.

Jones & Christopher asked that the contract of hauling coal be transferred to John Haggerty, who had purchased the property of the late Peter Hansen. Referred to city solicitor for report.

City Clerk Dowler read report of communications, which was received and filed.

The city solicitor, re removal of gravel from Ross bay, gave it as his opinion that the public had no right whatever upon the foreshore from Dallas road to the cemetery. Laid on the table.

The city engineer reported concerning laying pipe drain on Esquimalt street and permanent sidewalk in front of the Victoria Machinery Depot. The report was adopted by the engineer to superintend the laying of the sidewalk.

The water commissioner recommended the purchase of 350 more water meters. The Percy meter had given good satisfaction. Tabled.

F. Elworthy and others, residents of Mezies street, asked to construction of permanent sidewalks. Referred to engineer for report.

Samuel Jennings and others of Tolmie avenue asked for water supply. Referred to the water commissioner for report.

J. C. Newbury and others of Rithet street, asked for a light on corner of Rithet and South Turner. Referred to the electric light committee.

The streets' committee submitted report.

Ald. Beckwith moved, in amendment to the city council, to instead of proposed a work of permanent roadway across cedar and filling for necessary roadway at Point Ellice bridge. The court as amended was adopted.

Accounts for the month were passed.

The third payment of \$2,000 for the erection of the new Point Ellice bridge was authorized.

The contract for police helmets was awarded to John Barnsley, the price to \$4 each.

Tenders for street sprinklers were received from John Weston, various companies, \$768, \$717, \$715 and \$817. T. M. Brymberg, \$820. T. M. Prior & Co., \$820. T. M. Prior & Co., referred to purchasing agent and city engineer for report.

Tenders for police clothing were referred to the purchasing agent for report.

The streets' committee went into committee of the whole on the expenditure bill.

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Footman (at the phone)—The house is 50 feet from us, sir.

Master (in the office)—Children safe?

Master—Yes, sir.

Master—Wife safe?

Footman—Yes, sir.

Master—How about my mother-in-law?

Footman—That's what I want to ask you about, sir. She's asleep in the third story, an' knowin' your regard for her comfort, sir, I wasn't sure if I ought to disturb her or not, sir.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

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## Local News.

Nanaimo Creamery.—The creamery recently established in Nanaimo continues to make steady progress. Last week 408 pounds of butter were produced.

Exhibition Funds.—A meeting of the committees who have been collecting funds for this year's exhibition will be held this afternoon (Wednesday) at 5 p.m. in the committee room of the City Hall, when reports will be handed in of the collections made.

Y. M. C. A. Social.—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. are giving a social this evening. All members and friends are welcome. A short programme has been arranged. There will be games and refreshments will be served. All visitors are requested to take a pencil.

Masonic Meeting.—An emergency meeting of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter will be held this evening in the Temple building for the purpose of conferring degrees. Vancouver-Quadrangle Lodge meets on Wednesday at the same place, it being the regular meeting night.

Social—Dance.—The regular weekly hop of the Victoria Dancers Club will take place on Wednesday in the A. O. U. W. hall. As it is getting near the close of the season the club has decided on holding a long night dance, which will be enjoyable news for those who love to trip the "light fantastic."

Lillooet Bye-election.—Hon. Richard McBride, who has just returned from the upper country, is of the opinion that there is no opposition to the government candidate in the forthcoming bye-election in Lillooet district, rendered necessary by the technical disqualification of Mr. A. McDonald, who was returned unopposed at the general elections.

For Senior Matriculation: the British Columbia Intermediate Grade (1902) and the North-West Territories Standard VII (1904), with the University prescription of subjects, and similarly, the Northwest Territories Standard VIII (1904).

That certificates for parts of the above examinations be accepted pro tanto, candidates being permitted to complete their matriculation by the Departmental examination at Vancouver.

The question of the affiliation of secondary schools in the West with the University of Toronto was also considered by the senate. The advantage to the University of a connection of this kind was clearly seen in the president's report, and the senate has decided to adopt the policy of admitting pupils of other schools to High Schools of good standing, leaving the decision to be arrived at as circumstances might arise in individual instances.

The action of the senate in these matters mark a step in advance. While it is not intended in any way to rival the efforts of the universities which doubtless will be established in the West before many years, the senate has decided to do its share in directing the intellectual life of this important part of the Dominion during the transition period.

This recognition of the high standard of the departmental examinations in B. C. must be gratifying to the Department of Education.

Woman's Missionary Society Organization.—A most enjoyable session was spent yesterday afternoon in the Strawberry Vale church, Mrs. V. Adams and Miss Sherlock gave most interesting readings on missionary work, after which a branch of the Woman's Missionary Society was organized and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. (Rev.) T. H. Wright; vice-president, Mrs. James Turner; secretary, Mrs. Ethridge; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. H. Allison; treasurer, Mrs. D. Lehman.

About the Lepers.—The Province newspaper of Vancouver, in its issue of Saturday contains a two-column "write-up," with illustrations of Darcey Island lazaretto, which it concludes with the following suggestion: "Were the Province asked to point out such a spot, one where they might very fitly be placed, it would suggest the quarantine station of William Head, where they would receive the benefit of Dr. Watts' kindly and skilful attention. A suitable building could be constructed for them, and they would here receive such a measure of care as would sweeten to some degree at least the bitter cup which they are compelled to drink."

No doubt numerous Victorians can be found who will readily offer the suggestion that "such a spot where they might be placed" would be a point adjacent to Vancouver.

Meeting of Macneebes.—The regular meeting of Queen Alexandra Hive, Ladies of the Macneebes, was held last evening at Alexandra college. Lady Commander Mrs. Harris presided. The attendance was good and much enthusiasm in the business manifested. The initiation of new members was followed by a number of applications for membership. Mrs. H. Rogers was appointed to fill the office of past lady commander. Miss Cook, R. C., read a communication from Supreme Commander Mrs. Hollingshead complimenting the hive on their activity regarding preparations for the rally to be held in May next. Deputy Mrs. Spofford was present and intimated her intention to attend the state convention of Washington, to be held at Everett March 24th. The record keeper was requested by the hive to convey the greetings of British Columbia's younger hive to the convention. Mrs. Harris read an interesting report of the work being carried on by the hive in Skagway. After a brief but enjoyable programme the meeting adjourned.

## VANCOUVER GETS ATHLETIC MEET

N. P. A. A. Field and Track Games to Be Held on July 2.

The next annual field and track meet of the North Pacific Amateur Athletic Association will be held in Vancouver, B. C. probably July 2. This was decided upon at the annual meeting of the delegates held at the Victoria Yacht Club yesterday, says the Post-Intelligencer of Monday. The annual meeting was to have been held on Saturday, but C. C. Holzel, the delegate from the Spokane Athletic Club, did not arrive in time.

James Bay Athletic Club was represented by J. D. McPhail, president of Victoria; R. D. McPhail represented the Vancouver club; F. C. Watkins represented the Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland; G. C. Holzel was there for the Spokane Athletic Club, while Homer McDonald and E. T. Pope represented the Seattle Athletic Club.

Campbell Sweeney, of Vancouver, was elected president for the ensuing year.

H. Hoffman, of Portland, vice-president; R. D. McPhail, of Vancouver, secretary-treasurer, and C. C. Holzel of Spokane, D. O'Sullivan of Victoria, and H. C. McDonald, of Seattle, as directors.

The meeting was one of the most important in the history of the association, for purpose were made for strengthening the organization and to awaken interest in athletics generally. Ten years ago the keen rivalry between athletic clubs of Seattle, Tacoma and Portland made the annual games of the Pacific Northwest Association events to be looked forward to with pleasure, but the interest died down and then flickered off until this year, when a determined effort will be made to bring back the interest, and the Seattle Athletic Club may put a team in the field for the first time in recent years. Multnomah always turns out a good team; Spokane is taking a healthy interest, while Victoria and Vancouver can be depended upon to make a good showing.

The meet last year was held in Victoria and was a most successful one. Multnomah took first honors, while Spokane made such a good showing that they must be reckoned with this year. It has not been fully decided that Seattle will be represented in the games this year, but a rattling good team could be put together on short notice from the material at hand. With Seattle taking an active interest, the success of the meet would be assured, for then the field would be large enough to make the result uncertain.

The association will send a team of selected athletes to take part in the Olympian games at the St. Louis exposition, and the fact that the men who make the best showing in the coming meet will likely be chosen to go to St. Louis will add an incentive to our work.

While in the city the visiting delegates were the guests of the Seattle Athletic Club at the Hotel Butler.

## TRAGIC DEATH OF A VICTORIAN

M. H. Olson Meets a Terrible End in Vancouver on Monday.

The Vancouver World of yesterday has the following account of the death of a Victorian, Miles Herman Olson, a son of Andrew Olson, the well-known Oaklands carpenter:

Miles Herman Olson took his own life this morning in a vacant lot on Hastings street. He is supposed to have leaned on a Winchester rifle and so put a bullet through his heart. He was sales manager in the store of Lloyd, Burns & Co., hardware merchants. He was very cheerful when he knocked off work Sunday, and so far no reason is known why he should have committed suicide.

Olson had been in the employ of the firm for four years and was looked upon as a steady, honest man. He had not seemed at all depressed of late. On Saturday he appeared in the best of spirits and laughed and joked with his fellow-employees, who had not a care in the world. On Sunday he lay in bed all day. He returned home in the evening and was heard to go out about midnight. He shot himself about ten minutes to three this morning. Somebody running over the tiny dog heard a shot in the vacant lot at the time. The man made no notice of the noise, and it was not until seven o'clock this morning that the tragedy was known of. Then a Chinaman, Wing Sang, found the body and notified the police. Officer Deptford went to the scene and had the body removed to Armstrong's mortuary. The father of the suicide lives at Oaklands, near Victoria, while a sister attends the Normal school here.

**THE PEATT BENEFIT.**  
Excellent Concert Given by Talented Victorians Last Evening.

There was a very fair attendance of the public at the benefit concert in the Victoria opera house last night on behalf of Mr. Peatt, of the tramway service, who was disabled some years ago. A programme of great merit had been arranged and nearly every prominent vocalist or entertainer in the city had a share in the production of the concert. Col. Prior occupied the chair in his usual happy manner and contributed a few genial and appropriate remarks on the objects of the concert.

In the programme vocal and instrumental pieces were pleasingly intermingled, while Miss Underhill's recitations were much relished by all.

The violin selections by Mr. Fawcett

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## BUSINESS LOCALS.

The workmen that have been so busy during the last two weeks preparing the Westside Store for its Grand Military reception today, will be finished Monday, enabling this popular firm to have its Spring Opening as previously arranged.

The many friends of Mrs. P. Ross, formerly Miss Witchurch, will be pleased to hear that she will again be at the Elite Military store this season after a six months' absence in the East.

The Elite Military Store, Fort Street, cannot fail being a centre of Military attraction during the coming season, as it will be under the able management of Miss Woodworth and Mrs. P. Ross, formerly Miss Witchurch, who has been for the past six months visiting the principal centres of fashion of the United States and Eastern Canada.

Hear T. W. Brown lecture on Socialism, A. O. U. W. hall, Thursday, 17th inst., 8 p.m. Tickets 10c and 25c.

SUCCESSFUL DAY.—The Big Auction Sale held by Bittancourt, Auctioneer, yesterday, of the household effects of Mr. Patton, corner of Cook and Bellot streets, was well attended. The sale continues today, when the balance of this fine lot of Household Furniture and Effects will be disposed of.

Irish Concert tonight in the lecture room, St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, at 8 o'clock. Splendid programme. Admission 25 cents.

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**BASEBALL.**

ed for the Inter-City champion by Mr. Armstrong. The cup must be won three times in succession to become the property of any club.

The boys speak very highly of the manner in which they were treated by the Vancouver players. Unfortunately during the game Ben Pettingell, the James Bay captain, fell and sprained his right wrist, which will prevent him from playing any more.

The Victoria team was shown off at the Burrard Sanitarium, Drs. Ernest Hall's and Telford's new institution, and the boys were much impressed by the scientific surgical apparatus they saw there.

The trip down was a delightful one, the Princess Beatrice proving very comfortable and steady.

**HANDBALL.****First Game Under New Rules.**

The first game in the J. B. A. A. handball tournament, under the new rules, was played last night, when D. Jones and W. Jesse met J. Hunter and R. Powers. The result was a victory for the former pair, the score being 21-11, 21-25. Play was very fast and scientific, but Jones and Jesse were much stronger than their opponents, Jones taking set points, and his lightning service razed the losers, but they stayed with it pluckily until the last.

The winners played together perfectly, and gained many points by their complete understanding of each other's position.

In the second game, with the score 12-5 in favor of Jones and Jesse, the former served and actually ran out! His service was most brilliant, being very swift and beautifully placed.

Hunter and Power are both strong players, but their team work was somewhat faulty.

Ben Pettingell gave every satisfaction as referee.

**Finals Next Saturday.**

The finals in the J. B. A. A. handball tournament will be played on Saturday afternoon between C. Jones and S. Jost.

An interesting struggle is expected.

C. Pendray and S. Jost will meet R. D. Quay and F. Smith in the finals of the doubles, but the date for this match has not yet been settled.

**THE RING.****Yankee and Herrera.**

Chicago, March 14.—Benny Yankee of Chicago, and Aurelio Herrera, tonight fought a six round draw before the American club. The fight was fast and both men scored a knock-down in the third round.

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A meeting of the Contract-holders of the Dominion Co-operative Home Building Association (now the People's Loan and Deposit Co.) is called for Wednesday evening, March 16th, in the Pioneer hall, at 8 o'clock sharp. Mr. J. H. Maunden, just here from Toronto, and who is one of the company's directors, will be present at the meeting.

Meeting of Macabees, the ladies of Baxter Hive, No. S. L. D. T. M., will hold a regular review this evening at 8 o'clock at Semple's hall, Victoria West.

**FINANCE AND COMMERCE.**

New York, March 14.—The long expected decision in the Northern Securities case resulted in a feverish and halting stock market today. The fluctuations were constant and irregular and the volume of trading was much greater than the recent receding average. The action of the market, however, was not conclusive in deciding whether the decision of the court had already been discounted in the market during the long time since it has been the subject of discussion and its influence upon the market operations. The fact that the decision confirms the statement made by the lower court in the case, as well as the closeness with which it conforms to the expectations held for some time by the financial community, even to the proportions in which the court divided, indicate that when every preparation have been made for the decision will not have to be modified, the effect of the decision will be to bring the market into great speculative account open on the decision beyond such small trading as has been done each week only to be closed up as soon as the session of the court revealed a further postponement. In today's market traders of this class had set about covering their short contracts before noon, having come to a better understanding with the court.

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**How Penelope's Mishap Occurred**

Return of Officers and Crew From Clallam Bay Sunday.

Stress of Weather Put Her Ashore—Gallant Rescuers.

Captain Grant and Captain Balfour, who went over to Clallam bay, Washington, last Thursday, to open the sealing schooner Pacific, which was reported exhausted in the Colonist last week was driven ashore with the loss of one member of the crew and sustained serious damage, returned with the crew of the schooner on the steamer Edna Grace on Sunday evening to Victoria.

The wreck of the schooner took place pretty much in the manner first described in the Colonist's reports, and Captain Grant is of the opinion that she can be saved, although she is in a bad position amongst the rocks. She was thrown about a good deal after striking.

A guard has been left with the schooner to prevent evil-disposed persons from pillaging. An early effort will be made to get the schooner off the rocks and bring her to Victoria for repairs.

Captain Daniel McElroy, master of the steamer Edna Grace, who returned with the Edna Grace on Sunday night, says that owing to the falling barometer he put into Clallam bay, as described in the Colonist at the time, to take shelter from the gathering storm. Toward midnight the wind sprang up strongly from the eastward, and the schooner began to drag her anchors. Sail was set, but it was found impossible to beat off in the wind then blowing, and with the lee shore so near. Early in the morning the vessel struck a submerged rock, one of the boats was carried away.

When daylight broke, the men at Robinson's loggin' camp tried to effect a rescue. One swam through the surf and got the floating line, took it ashore and made it fast to a tree, while the other end was fixed to the schooner. Shortly afterwards a boat from the ship Pass of Killiecrankie came to the rescue and the men in her passed another line to the schooner. The men were then taken off in the ship's boat, except David Walker, second mate, who was swept from his hold and drowned before anything could be done to help him.

Aboard the Pass of Killiecrankie, everything was done for the comfort of the rescued, who speak in high terms of the kindness shown to them by the captain, officers and crew of that ship.

**HOUGOMONT DOCKS.**

Big Clyde Freight Is Now Discharging Victoria Cargo.

The British bark Hougmont was towed from Royal Roads by the tug Lorne on Sunday to her berth alongside the ocean docks and a start was made at unloading the Victoria portion of her cargo yesterday. The Hougmont had almost full cargo of general merchandise, and heavy consignments for Vancouver, Seattle and Tacoma, whither she will proceed after discharging here.

The Hougmont had an uneventful passage from Glasgow to Victoria, sustaining no damage on the way, the voyage lasting four months and a half. She is a fine vessel, built by Scott of Greenock in 1897, is rigged with four masts, and has a carrying capacity amounting to several thousand tons deadweight. She is built of steel and fitted throughout with the latest appliances. For efficient working above and below.

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**AGAIN THE PUEBLA.**

Favorite Steamship Sustains Terrible Buffeting, But Weather It Bravely.

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**LOCAL YACHT BUILDERS.**

Speedy Craft Under Construction at Stephens' Yards.

Mr. R. F. Stephens, the expert yacht and boat builder of this city has just erected at his yard a balanced ways and a crane for the purpose of hauling and repairing small yachts and steamers of any design.

A new 40-foot steamer is just leaving his yards for A. R. Barrow, Esq., of Sidney. Mr. Stephens and party will leave on Monday with the steamer for his destination. There is also at his yard just now the white-winged flyer Vampire owned by Capt. Williams, R. E., of this city. It is said that this yacht is fast sailer and when she has her metal on will have a good chance to try conclusions with the Redfish and other boats already in these waters.

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**Latest About New Diggings**

**Reliable Prospector Tells of Condition at Present In Alsek District.**

**A Rich Field But Does Not Warrant a Great Stampede.**

Frank Nelson, a reliable prospector, has brought to Skagway the latest news from the White Horse placer diggings.

A four-horse team can now be driven over the trail from White Horse for a distance of 144 miles to within 10 miles of Kluane lake, a body of water about six miles long, the trails branch respectively to Ruby, Bullion and Telluride creeks.

A single team can be driven all the way to Kluake junction, and there is no trouble in handling good single-horse loads with a double-end to any of the principal creeks. The junction of the trail at the head of Kluake lake is the point where the trail to Ruby, Bullion and Telluride creeks bears off southerly to the left. These creeks run into the Tatlayo river, a tributary of the Alsek, south of Kluake lake.

There is no difficulty in getting across the Tatlayo river, but the trail is rocky and uneven.

Nelson says that the trail is good, but the country is rough and rocky, and the trail is rocky and uneven.

Colors can be readily found on most of the creeks. Some of them are of very good size. Most of the pans that are intelligently taken, however, make a very brilliant showing of many colors.

On creeks where it is possible to get down to rimrock very showy prospect pans can be had. On Dixie, a tributary of McKinley, which the trail strikes before arriving at Ruby creek, Nelson washed a pan from rimrock which showed forty-two colors ranging down to very small ones.

The country is a maze of gulches and numerous network of creeks and pools. Nelson has been nearly the full length of Kluake lake, a body of water about sixty miles long and into which flow many of the placer creeks of the district.

He was within sight of the foot, about ten miles from the end where Coon creek embouches. He crossed the Coon creek divide and visited Dad Wright's discovery on this creek. Wright maintains that Coon prospects as well as Bullion, and he has a nice little sample pan of very pretty coarse gold interspersed with a number of little nuggets that will weigh about 25 cents each.

The court against George J. Cook, accused of that by the sheriff, was continued yesterday morning before Police Magistrate Hall at the Police court.

Charles R. Brown, one of the bailiffs employed by Sheriff Richards, was the first witness examined, and testified to taking the harness off the horse on the first day of the alleged seizure of Cook's chattels. Witness took the harness off the horse the second day, the 3rd inst.

Walter Smith was the next witness and testified that he also was a bailiff employed by Sheriff Richards. Witness corroborated the statements of the sheriff in his examination respecting the seizure of the bicycle.

Witness was at the Cook premises on the day of the arrest and testified that Cook said to him, "You did not see me unlock the stable door." Witness replied that he had not and then Cook told him to say nothing about it.

The court then adjourned for lunch.

After lunch the counsel for the defendant, Mr. J. P. Walls addressed the court and claimed there was no evidence to prove that the defendant had taken the harness out of the saddle way where it was placed by the sheriff after seizure.

The court suggested that there was circumstantial evidence.

Mr. Walls claimed there was not even that and that as a matter of fact he believed his client did not take it, nor did he authorize it to be taken.

Even supposing, Mr. Walls said, his client had put the harness on the horse on the Saturday, which he said he did not admit, the stable was also under seizure, and it was no more felonious than the moving of a piece of furniture from one room in a seized house to another room in the same house and therefore no theft.

Mr. Murphy, for the prosecution, addressed the court and read the warrant of execution, which he said, fully proved the seizure of the harness. He then proceeded to read his authorities.

His Honor will deliver his decision on Mr. Wall's points, after which it will be decided as to whether witness for the defence will be called or not, or whether the case will be settled on the evidence now in.

The court adjourned until Thursday morning next at 10 o'clock.

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